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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/743,596

Applicant(s)

MANNA ET AL.

Examiner^o

Douglas W. Owens

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/22/03.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of the invention of group I in the reply filed on March 19, 2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is convincing and the restriction requirement has been withdrawn.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1 – 33 are objected to because of the following informalities:
in line 5 of claim 3, "scond" should be replaced with --second--; and
in line 6 of claims 1 and 14, --to-- should be inserted between "circuit" and "said".
The same correction should be made to line 7 of claims 26 and 33. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1 – 33 will be allowed upon correcting the above noted informalities.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not teach, alone or in combination, an ESD protection device including, "a trigger circuit connected [to] said first I/O pad and said p-doped region; a second I/O pad connected to said n-well". The prior art does not teach a method of forming an ESD protection device including "connecting electrically a second I/O pad to said n-well; whereby a parasitic bipolar transistor is comprised of the n-doped region functioning as a collector terminal, the P-well functioning as a base terminal, and the deep N-well functioning as the emitter terminal". The prior art does

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not teach a method for using an ESD protection device including providing "a second I/O pad connected to said n-well" and "charging said p-well using the trigger circuit under an ESD condition and turning on said parasitic bipolar transistor".

Conclusion

5. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The claim objections discussed above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas W. Owens whose telephone number is 571-272-1662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Douglas W Owens
Examiner
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